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Figure in Hughes Case Arrested for Shoplifting

OGDEN, Utah, July 31 (UPI)—Melvin Dummar, who was named to receive a one-sixteenth share of Howard Hughes's estate in the disputed "Mormon Will," has been arrested on a charge of stealing 10 cents worth of nails.

Mr. Dummar, 32 years old, a former gas station attendant, was freed on his own recognizance from the Weber County Jail after his arrest Friday right on a petty theft complaint charging him with shoplifting. He had $8.10 in his pocket at the time.

Employees at a local store said that they saw Mr. Dummar remove about 10 cents worth of nails from a plastic package and place them in his pocket.

Mr. Dummar, who contends he gave a ride to a man matching Mr. Hughes's description in 1968, could share in his estate if the "Mormon Will" was proved genuine. Mr. Dummar has admitted delivering the will to the Mormon Church offices in April 1976. He said that a stranger left the document at his northern Utah service station.